

Miss E. P. Bayly  
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My dear Miss Lowell,

I was unexpectedly detained a day longer in Boston by the mistake of a mantle maker, and I grieve to say I did forget that I had as it were appointed a meeting with you. But I did not probably think you would go - so I did not think to countermand it - as in one or two other instances - I can only say for excuse that I was very much confused at the last moment. But I am very glad to get the letters & very much obliged -

I found here when I arrived last night a letter from you from Mr Snelling & from John West. Solger herself. I cannot think that can be law anywhere for a person to forfeit a house for which they have paid & all other taxes they have paid as the law ever since Dr S. died or was disabled. - No notice was ever served to her those two years that she ever knew of - & of course she did not know by the advertisement Dr Solger had his life insured &



the \$2000 was paid her & she  
went straight to Mr Hooper &  
paid what he had advanced  
who had paid the bill before  
it was due in order to deliver  
her from the person who had  
sold the house & wanted to get  
it back again. This is a clear  
case of a winding up trick by some  
desperate rascal who takes  
advantage of her helplessness.  
I have already written the whole  
account of the matter to a noble  
squealed young lawyer of Wash-  
-ton - Marcellus Bailey - &  
begged him to go to her alone  
& see all about it - telling him  
how entirely every cent has  
been honorably paid that she  
knew was due & I feel sure  
she will be righted -

I do not know whether you  
know that the first \$1000 paid  
on that house was borrowed  
from some men - Germans  
I believe principally - whom  
Dr Solger obtained places as  
treasury clerks - & whom im-  
mediately when he was sick came  
to dupe him - & whom he kept



al buy by paying monthly  
all the salary which she received  
getting the rest of her living by  
the boarders & her French scholars,  
& she ~~promised~~ promised them she would  
pay all if they would not tor-  
ment him. She has continued  
to pay ever since by these ac-  
statements & lately told me  
she had still three hundred  
dollar to pay. - She is therefore  
without means to buy off this  
man & he ought not to be bought  
off. - He says now her french  
lessons stop & her boarders de-  
minish for the summer. - But  
she had just received a letter  
from me in which I spoke as  
usual a great deal of her husband  
& she says that has comforted her  
so much (the sympathy) that she  
feels calmer - & had sent to her  
lawyer to see if he would not  
adjust it. I do not know his  
name or character & so I have  
asked Mr Bailey to go & see a-  
bout it. He will do all that can  
be done & I have written to her  
that I have done so. -

Mr. Dana is perfectly friendly to  
Mrs. Solge - & perfectly sincere  
subsequently - but I must tell you  
that she is not reliable being a  
victim of epileptic fits - & always  
in a state of insanity - though not  
perhaps of derangement. - Should



you ever see & talk with her  
you would perceive that this is  
old & I happen to know it - so does  
Mrs Solger - who discovered her  
insanity by her own observation  
before she was told of it by me  
with its cause. I do not doubt  
however that there is something  
very important in her report by  
Julius. I know he is utterly un-  
controllable by his mother - and  
by himself - so powerful is his  
temperament & so wholly un-  
disciplined as he has always  
been. Dr Solger had very false  
theories with respect to his  
duties as husband & father  
though the most pure & profound  
feelings - & he trusted too  
implicitly to circumstances to  
instruct the mind - & was  
too jealous of using her personal  
influence over their therapy.  
Hence Mrs. Solger never knew  
the grounds of her Protestant faith  
but only her anticatholicism  
& the children had no clear  
ideas of duty given to them.  
Julius needed this especially  
being passionate rather than  
intellectual & poor Mrs Solger  
has neither the comforts of Protestant  
or Catholic religion & realises nothing  
in the Universe greater than her  
own broken heart - which is to me such  
a testimony to the reality of the God  
who is Love. I have written to Mrs. Sol-  
ger that we love all - you - Mrs. Snelling  
& all her friends - & all rumours of his  
dangerous condition & we think that  
some place must be found where he  
can go & be educated feeling the control  
over him of a strong will & loving

his mind trained to self  
discipline or he will be  
ruined, and that no money  
he can earn now should be  
put in competition with it  
I have therefore prepared her  
for any suggestion her friends  
may make - & I shall speak  
to Mrs Kapp about it - Dr  
Solger's German friend  
in New York - Mrs Solger  
will not be surprised at  
my advice to her about  
Julius because her faults  
are a common subject be-  
tween us. He has a good  
heart & loves her as many  
another undutiful son loves  
his mother - but having no  
self control constantly dis-  
resses her. Mrs. Ripley  
is all but dead & Mrs  
Simmons can do nothing but  
nurture her & does not attempt  
it - having taken her to her  
house - while Elizabeth goes  
the old nurse & has a family  
to board with her in which  
she is much interested - Julius  
needs a man to take care of  
him - I wish there were a



Schneppenthal here  
I suppose you have read  
that delightful life  
of Carl Ritter - by Gay -  
published by Scribner -  
as well as Lessings life -  
If not you have a  
great treat in both

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I have just got another  
heart breaking note  
from Mrs. Polger &  
now she has got \$500  
to earn & pay - for  
she still has 300 of those  
other debts. I trust she  
will not die. But such  
shocks as these are  
killing - I will enclose  
her note - When you  
see Mr Snellby show it  
to him - I keep it for me  
if it should prove the  
last - Well God reigns!  
Yours truly E.P. Keator